Centres in SAARC countries

3519. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up centres in SAARC countries to facilitate people to people exchanges in the field of science, academics, literature and culture as envisaged in the SAARC Declarations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a to (c) The decision to set up SAARC Regional Centres is taken unanimously by all the member countries. Presently there are eight SAARC Regional Centres. These are (i) SAARC Agricultural Information Centre, Dhaka, (ii) SAARC Tuberculosis Centre, Kathmandu, (iii) SAARC Documentation Centre, New Delhi, (iv) SAARC Meteorological Research Centre, Dhaka, (v) SAARC Human Resources Development Centre, Islamabad, (vi) SAARC Information Centre, Kathmandu, (vii) SAARC Coastal Zone Management Centre, Male and; (viii) SAARC Energy Centre, Islamabad. In addition, three more SAARC Regional Centres are scheduled to be set up. These are (i) SAARC Culture Centre, Kandy (Sri Lanka), (ii) SAARC Forestry Centre, Bhutan and; (iii) SAARC Centre for Disaster Management and Preparedness, New Delhi.

IFS officer in human trafficking

3520. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI MATI SYEDA ANWARATAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAYJ. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has allegedly detected involvement of a senior officer of Indian Foreign Services in the business of human trafficking;